

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1           1. (currently amended) A method of making a fiber  
2 laminate, the method comprising the steps of sequentially:

3           (a) forming a nonwoven spunbond filament layer;

4           (b) prebonding said nonwoven spunbond filament layer to a  
5 tensile strength of at least 50% of the tensile strength thereof at  
6 maximum bonding as defined in DIN 53815 to form a prebonded  
7 nonwoven spunbond filament layer;

8           b') treating said prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament  
9 layer with at least one wetting agent;

10          (c) applying at least one layer of hydrophilic fibers  
11 onto said prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer treated with  
12 the wetting agent; and

13          (d) hydrodynamically bonding the layer of hydrophilic  
14 fibers to the spunbond filament layer to create a two-layer  
15 laminate forming an absorbent cloth.

1           2. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the  
2 nonwoven spunbond filament layer is prebonded in step (b) in a  
3 calender.

1           3. (original) The method defined in claim 2 wherein the  
2 nonwoven spunbond filament layer is prebonded in step (b) in a  
3 calender having at least one heated embossing drum cylinder.

1           4. (original) The method defined in claim 3 wherein the  
2     prebonding is carried out in step (b) such that a maximum free  
3     filament length between two bonding points of the nonwoven spunbond  
4     layer is less than 15 mm.

1           5. (original) The method defined in claim 4, further  
2     comprising the step of additionally deforming said prebonded  
3     nonwoven spunbond filament layer to increase the thickness thereof.

6 - 7. (canceled)

1           8. (currently amended) The method defined in claim  
2     [[7]] 5 wherein the hydrophilic fibers are applied by at least one  
3     carding machine or at least one air-layering device onto the  
4     prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer.

1           9. (original) The method defined in claim 8, further  
2     comprising the step of applying a second spunbond nonwoven material  
3     onto said laminate formed by said layers.

1           10. (original) The method defined in claim 9 wherein  
2     the hydrodynamic bonding of said layers into said laminate is  
3     effected by a water-jet treatment thereof.

1           11. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein  
2     the prebonding is carried out in step (b) such that a maximum free

3 filament length between two bonding points of the nonwoven spunbond  
4 layer is less than 15 mm.

1 12. (original) The method defined in claim 1, further  
2 comprising the step of additionally deforming said prebonded  
3 nonwoven spunbond filament layer to increase the thickness thereof.

13. (canceled)

1 14. (currently amended) The method defined in claim 1  
2 [[3]] wherein said wetting agent is at least one tenside or surface  
3 active agent.

1 15. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein  
2 the hydrophilic fibers are applied by at least one carding machine  
3 or at least one air-layering device onto the prebonded nonwoven  
4 spunbond filament layer.

1 16. (original) The method defined in claim 1, further  
2 comprising the step of applying a second spunbond nonwoven material  
3 onto said laminate formed by said layers.

1 17. (original) The method defined in claim 1 wherein  
2 the hydrodynamic bonding of said layers into said laminate is  
3 effected by a water-jet treatment thereof.